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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Mark S. Graham	3711

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 2-6 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: ____.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Fig. 10 prior art device disclosed by applicant in view of Schmidt, Holmdahl, and Tyner.

Claim 1 is disclosed by the Fig. 10 device with the exception of the sound producing means/pivoting hoop and the pivoting connections.

With regard to the sound producing means such are known in the art as disclosed by Holmdahl. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have included such on the Fig. 10 device as well for its inherent purpose. Regarding the pivoting hoop such are commonly known in the art as typified by Tyner to prevent the backboard from braking due to excessive weight on the rim. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have included such on the Fig. 10 device as well for the same reason.

Concerning the pivoting connections such are commonly known in goal frames to allow for collapsibility/portability. Schmidt discloses such a connection. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have used such on the Fig. 10 goal frame as well to allow for collapsibility/portability.

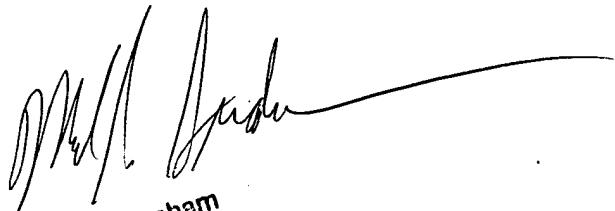
Claims 5 and 6 are objected to because there is not an antecedent first, second and third tube in claim 1 for the fourth, fifth, and sixth tube claimed in claim 5. Such tubes should be properly identified as first, second, and third tubes unless claim 5 is intended to be dependent on claim 3.

Claims 2-6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Chalcroft, Wang, Huang, Oliver, Sr., Vance, Woodall, Cass, Mabe et al., Tien, and Yu have been cited for interest because they disclose similar devices.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Mark S. Graham at telephone number 571-272-4410.

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